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REMARKS

In order to place this application in condition for a complete action on the merits, the specification has been suitably revised to correct informalities, to provide antecedent basis for the claim language, and to place it in better conformance with U.S. practice. A substitute specification is submitted herewith which consists of the original specification re-typed in smooth form to incorporate revisions shown in the marked-up copy of the original specification also submitted herewith. Applicants' undersigned attorney states that the substitute specification does not introduce impermissible new matter into the disclosure.

Proposed drawing revisions have been submitted in Figs. 3 and 5 to relabel lines identifying cross-sectional views. Also submitted is a new abstract which more clearly reflects the invention to which the claims are directed.

Original claims 5 and 7 have been canceled without prejudice or admission and claims 1-4 and 6 have been amended to correct informalities and in formal respects to improve the wording thereof. A marked-up version of claims 1-4 and 6 is attached hereto.

To obtain a fuller and more comprehensive scope of coverage, new claims 8-29 have been added.

Early and favorable action on the merits are most respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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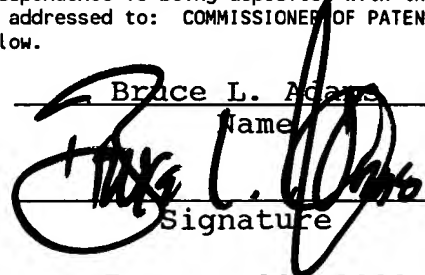
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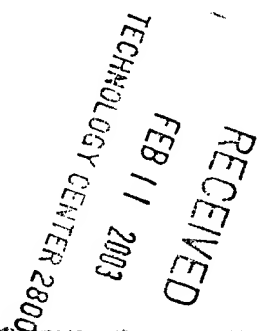
VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-4 and 6 have been amended as follows:

1. (Amended) A wristwatch case comprising: an outer case attachable to a wrist band; and an inner case for housing a timepiece movement, the inner case being mounted to the outer case so as to be [; wherein the inner case has a structure] movable in a [generally] vertical direction relative to the outer case between upper and lower stop positions [with respect to a plane].

2. (Amended) A wristwatch case according to claim 1; [,] further comprising [:] a [rotation-regulating] ring fixedly mounted within an opening provided in the inner case and having a rotation mechanism on a circumferential surface thereof for engaging the outer case when the inner case is in the lower stop position to prevent rotation of the inner case relative to the outer case and to permit [circumference different in] rotation [function] of the inner case relative to the outer case when the inner case is in the upper stop position [at a plurality of stop points in vertical movable range; wherein the rotation-regulating ring is arranged between the outer case and the inner case].



3. (Amended) A wristwatch case according to claim 1; further comprising an [: an inner case having a structure movable generally vertical with respect to a plane; and a ~~positioning]~~ elastic member extending between the inner case and the outer case for stopping movement of [to stop] the inner case at the upper and lower stop [in each of a plurality of] positions.

4. (Amended) A wristwatch case according to claim 2; [1;] wherein the [rotation-regulating] ring has [is arbitrary divided the circumference of the rotation regulating ring and alternately arranged] a plurality of circumferentially spaced-apart rotation mechanisms [different in the inner case].

6. (Amended) A wristwatch case according to claim 2; wherein the outer case has [1, further comprising:] a [gear-formed] concave-convex gear portion, [formed in the outer case;] and the ring has a portion elastically engageable with the [a click elastic protrusion to interfere with a] [gear-formed] concave-convex gear portion when the inner case is in the upper stop position to impart a click feel to the inner case during rotational movement thereof [, to radially move due to a rotation force on the gear-formed concave-convex portion to cause a click feel and to arrange the rotation-

regulating ring; wherein the click elastic protrusion causes a click feel by intermittently interfering with the gear-formed concave-convex portion].